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March 25, 2005



Your address
is in the
**Lower
Yakima**
watershed

Eric Weinheimer
2220 Sli Road
Sunnyside, WA 98944-9624

Mr. Weinheimer:

Re: 2005 Drought Applications

This letter is in response to your request for clarification regarding the eligibility requirements for drought well authorizations for the 2005 irrigation season.

In order for Ecology to grant an emergency drought permit, the applicant must be receiving less than 75% of their normal water supply due to drought and be experiencing undue hardship as a result. Furthermore, Ecology must conclude that water is available, that the authorization will not impair existing rights, and the water must be put to a beneficial use. The emergency authorization must be an alternate supply for a previously established use and cannot be used to irrigate "new" lands. Please refer to WAC 173-166 for a more comprehensive explanation of the requirements.

To specifically address your question, eligibility for emergency drought relief is not contingent upon an applicant having an active application for a permanent water right pending with this office.

Feel free to contact me at (509) 575-2597 should you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Bryce Bealba
Water Resources Program

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To: Department of Ecology
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA. 98902-3452

From: Eric Weinheimer
dba Big Sky Fruit
2220 SLI Road
Sunnyside, WA. 98944



Date: November 28, 2001

Phone: (509) 837-2978

RE: Application No. G4-32999

Greetings:

As requested in your November 16, 2001 letter I am submitting flow meter readings from the well used under the Emergency Drought Authorization. The flow meter reading before I began using the well for the 2001 season was + or - 36 acre feet. The flow meter reading the end of the 2001 irrigation season was + or - 111.87 acre feet. Total water used was + or - 75.87 acre feet.

I would also appreciate a response as to the progress on my 1992 application for supplemental irrigation water. I understand the Department of Ecology has received additional funding and added staff to process the pending applications. Would you please response in writing as to when I can expect action on the application.

G4-32999

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Eric Weinheimer
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November 16, 2001

Eric Weinheimer
2220 SLI Road
Sunnyside WA 98944

RE: Application No(s). G4-32999

Earlier this year, the Department of Ecology issued an Emergency Drought Authorization under the above-referenced application number for the use of emergency wells in the Yakima River basins to supplement reduced deliveries during this irrigation season. In some cases new wells were approved for this purpose.

One of the provisions of the authorizations was that a flow meter must be installed, water use monitored, and the water use records submitted to the department at the end of the irrigation season. At this time, I am writing to request the metering reports on these wells. If you did not drill a well that was authorized, or did not use water that was authorized, please let us know.

My staff will be conducting end of irrigation season field visits in the near future. Your meter records and information on the completion of new wells is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, please call Suzanne Blakeney at (509) 454-7294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Crane".

Phil Crane, Unit Supervisor
Water Resources Program

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June 15, 2001

To: Carroll Palmer, Yakama Nation

Re: Emergency Drought Authorization G4-32999

Enclosed is a copy of the Department of Ecology's Emergency Drought Change Authorization(s), which constitutes our determination and order regarding the above-referenced application(s). If you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, please call Carol Mortensen of the Department of Ecology at (509) 575-2597.

This Order may be appealed pursuant to RCW Chapter 43.21B. The person to whom this Order is issued must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Send the appeal to: Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, Washington 98504-0903. At the same time, a copy of the appeal must be sent to: Department of Ecology, Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 47615, Olympia, Washington 98504-7615. All others receiving notice of this Order must file an appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within thirty (30) days of the date the Order was mailed in the same manner described above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RFB", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert F. Barwin, Section Manager
Water Resources Program

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Enclosures: Emergency Drought Authorization

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